

Washington, DC - The Suburban Agenda Caucus Chairman Rep. Mark Kirk (R-IL) applauded passage of *H.R. 4894, the School Acquiring Faculty Excellence Act*, today. *H.R. 4894* passed the House 415 to 1.

“The Suburban Agenda is moving forward. We are keeping our commitment to American families by addressing their key concerns,” said Rep. Kirk.

H.R. 4894, the School Safety Acquiring Faculty Excellence Act, provides schools access to national criminal data bases to obtain criminal information when hiring teachers.

Currently, most states do not have access to criminal information on individuals outside of their home state.

“Violent criminals and pedophiles often change states after incarceration and do not register in their new state of residency,” said Kirk. “This legislation is critical in making sure that no pedophile slips through the cracks and into the classroom.”

In 1998, President Clinton signed legislation permitting states to share criminal data bases with school boards in other states. While 25 states signed such formal compacts, 25 other states have not. *H.R. 4894* closes this loophole, making classrooms around America safer.

Rep. Jon Porter (R-NV), the sponsor of the legislation, emphasized the importance of this bill. “Because of current limitations on information-sharing between states, often times critical data on individuals, including whether or not they have committed a crime, never comes to light. My legislation will help correct this very dangerous and very real problem,” said Porter.

Majority Leader John Boehner applauded the Suburban Agenda Caucus for their work on this legislation. “The passage of this legislation demonstrates House Republicans are moving forward with our commitment to taking action on issues suburban families care about.

I want to thank Congressman Porter for his leadership on this issue and his efforts to help ensure our nation’s students are safe in the classroom. I also want to thank Congressman Kirk for his dedication to this issue.

As Chairman of the Suburban Caucus, he continues to work tirelessly on the priorities of suburban families and communities," said Leader Boehner.

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